

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Great Expectations Inventory Number: HO-999  
 Address: 5027 Ten Oaks Road Historic district: yes  no  
 City: Clarksville Zip Code: 21029 County: Howard  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Clarksville  
 Property Owner: Henry C. Marshall Tax Account ID Number: 05-359066  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 45 Tax Map Number: 28  
 Project: MD 32 at Linden Church Road Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration  
 Preparer's Name: Melissa Blair Date Prepared: 12/15/2009  
 Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:  
 Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes  no Listed:  yes  no  
 Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Great Expectations is located in southwest Howard County in the vicinity of Clarksville, a once rural area that has experienced intensive residential growth in the last several decades. The well-maintained farmstead dates to the mid eighteenth century. The property is located on the north side of Ten Oaks Road and on the west side of MD 32. The complex contains a dwelling, several agricultural outbuildings, and the remains of a bank barn. Rolling agricultural fields surround the farm complex, and there is a large man-made pond to the east of the farm house.

In 1747, Samuel Gaither received a grant of fifty acres from Lord Baltimore, which was named Gaither's Chance. Gaither doubled the size of his property to 100 acres with a second grant in 1763. Martenet's map of 1860 indicates that a J. & E. Scrivener occupied the property. In 1866, Dr. Horatio G. Lawrence, a Quaker and former mayor of Adairsville, Georgia, purchased the two tracts, excepting twenty acres. The land had been impoverished by many years of continuous tenant cultivation, but Lawrence improved the farm through grass raising and bone fertilizing (Hopkins, 1878). Such improvements reflect the agricultural reform movement occurring in the Mid-Atlantic states during the mid nineteenth century. Upon Horatio Lawrence's death in 1873, the farm passed to his son Dawson Lawrence, the author of the "Historical Sketch of Howard County," which was included in G.M. Hopkins 1878 "Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Baltimore Including Howard County, Maryland." In 1936, William Seba Marshall

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 Reviewer, National Register Program

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and Helen Dorcas Magee Marshall bought the farm and gave it the name Great Expectations. The couple moved to Maryland from Chicago when William got a job working as an accountant for Harold Ickes in the Department of the Interior. Helen worked for the District of Columbia government. The couple was among the first D.C. commuters from this area of Howard County (Marshall 1986). For a second time, agricultural activities at Great Expectations reflected larger trends in agricultural reform as the Marshall's participated in a New Deal-era soil conservation program. The current owner and son of William and Helen, Henry C. Marshall, recalls eighteen-year-old boys, who made \$30 a month, terracing the farm's fields (personal communication, Henry C. Marshall, October, 2009).

Based on the date of the initial land grant and architectural evidence, the log core of the farmhouse could have been constructed as early as 1747. The farmhouse is two-and-one-half-story log and frame structure with a rectangular plan. The original portion was a log house with a two-room plan. The house was substantially enlarged some time during the mid nineteenth century. The overall effect of this enlargement produced a house that is reflective of popular mid-nineteenth century rural domestic architectural styles promoted by Andrew Jackson Downing.

The side gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The house has four brick chimney stacks: two interior-end chimneys on the north elevation and one interior-end chimney and one exterior end chimney on the south elevation. The façade, or east elevation, is five bays in width with a central entrance that features a wood panel door with transom and sidelights. The entrance is sheltered by a metal-covered hipped-roofed porch with square wood columns, a wooden porch floor supported by brick piers. The north elevation features a small shed-roofed porch with square porch supports. The west elevation features an enclosed shed-roof porch with a metal roof and wood supports with decorative brackets that shelters a secondary entrance. The majority of the house's windows are six-over-six double hung sashes. The house rests on a stone foundation.

A small, gable-roofed, frame domestic outbuildings is located to the west of the farmhouse, which the current owner describes as a smokehouse and recalls its use as a tenant house. Further to the north sets a stone spring house with a wood shingled roof that is banked into a slope and drains to the man-made pond. North of the spring house is a frame duck house constructed in 1939. Further north are the remains of a bank barn. The remaining lower-level is constructed of irregularly coursed stone masonry. The upper story was frame, but has been removed. Directly south of the house is a stone foundation of a former outbuilding that may be the remains of a slave quarter. The current owner recalls an ice house directly west of this foundation that was extant in the 1930s. South of the stone foundation is a small unmarked cemetery.

Great Expectations has high integrity as a rural agricultural complex. The farm retains its historic location. Practicality shaped the design and layout of the farmstead with domestic and agricultural buildings clustered together to facilitate the operation of the family-run farm. The farmhouse's historic design is most reflective of the mid-nineteenth century enlargement. The farm's setting maintains a high level of integrity, as the surrounding fields remain in productive agricultural use. The farmstead's buildings retain historic materials, although there have been some alterations, such as replaced siding materials. The workmanship of the structures is characterized by common construction methods and simple architectural detail. Great Expectations is associated farming in Howard County and maintains the feeling a nineteenth-century farmstead with eighteenth-century origins.

Great Expectations is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, specifically the history of agriculture in Howard County (Criterion A). The property is not associated with the lives of persons significant in our past and is not eligible under Criterion B. Great Expectations is eligible under Criterion C for its architecture. The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a family farmstead of the mid eighteenth through the twentieth century. Great Expectations is not being evaluated under Criterion D.

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The farm's period of significance dates from the mid-eighteenth century to 1960. The historic boundary encompasses parcel 45 on Howard County tax map 28, a total of approximately 55 acres.

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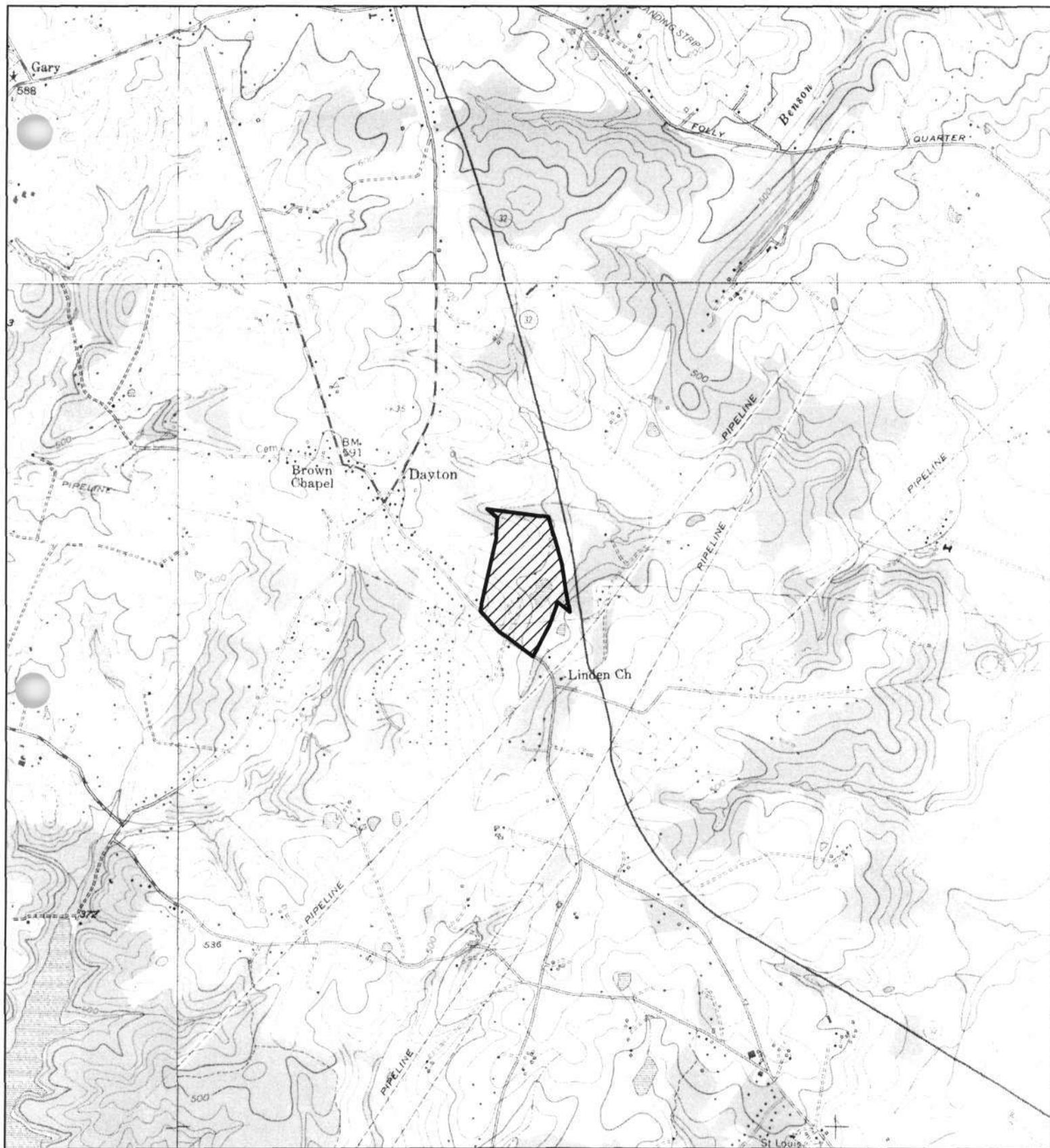
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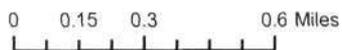
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**Maryland State Highway Administration  
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Photo Log**

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**Project Name:** MD 32 Linden Church Road

**MIHP No.:** HO-999

**MIHP Name:** Great Expectations

**County:** Howard

**Photographer:** Melissa Blair

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East Elevation, view west

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Front entrance, view southwest

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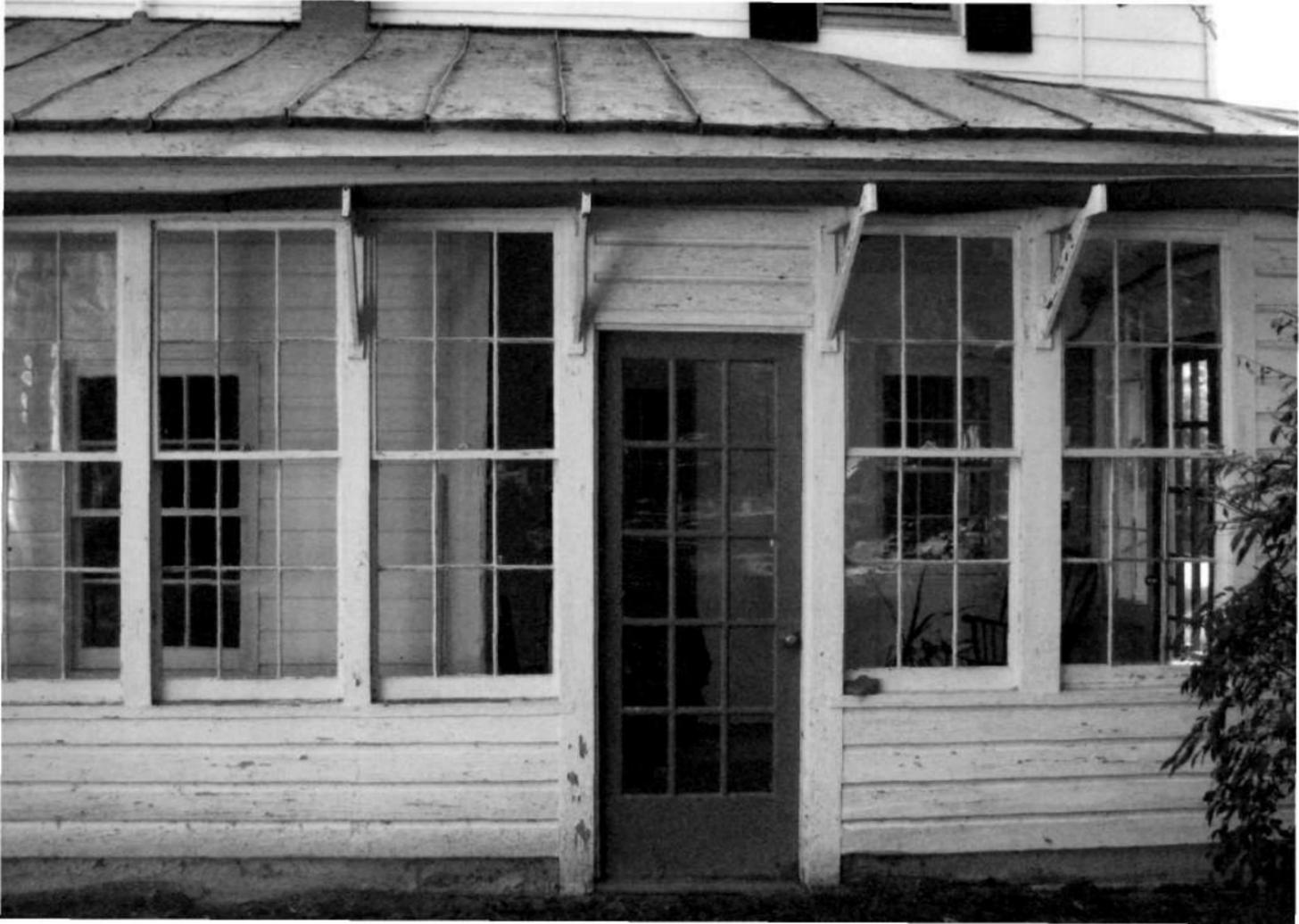
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West Elevation, view east

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Porch entrance, view east

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East and North elevations, view southwest

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Outbuilding, view northwest

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Stone Foundation, Quarters, view west

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Pond, view northeast

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Spring house, House, and Outbuilding, view south

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Springhouse, view northeast

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Springhouse, view southwest

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Duck house and springhouse, view north

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Bank Barn, view southwest

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Bank Barn, view north

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Farm lane, view south

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